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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 59

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook
(Coauthors: Assembly Members DeVore, Emmerson, Huff, Maze,
and Salas)
(Coauthors: Senators Ashburn, Dutton, and Runner)

May 25, 2007

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59—Relative to the Lieutenant Jared M. Landaker Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 59, as amended, Cook. Lieutenant Jared M. Landaker Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 38 in San Bernardino County as the Lieutenant Jared M. Landaker Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Jared M. Landaker made the ultimate
- 2 sacrifice for his country when, on February 7, 2007, he gave his
- 3 life while serving in Iraq in the United States Marine Corps; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker was born in Madera,
- 5 California, on May 3, 1981, to proud parents, Joe and Laura
- 6 Landaker; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to a possible complication at Lieutenant
2 Landaker's birth, doctors warned Joe and Laura Landaker that
3 their child might be mentally challenged. The doctors encouraged
4 surgery, an option that Joe and Laura Landaker refused; and

5 WHEREAS, Although smaller in size than most boys his age,
6 Lieutenant Landaker proved the doctors wrong by excelling in
7 both academics and sports; and

8 WHEREAS, What Lieutenant Landaker lacked in stature, he
9 made up for in spirit, heart, and determination, presenting himself
10 throughout his life as a force to be reckoned with; and

11 WHEREAS, As a young man, Lieutenant Landaker enjoyed
12 skiing, snowboarding, and playing baseball and football; and

13 WHEREAS, While attending Big Bear High School, Lieutenant
14 Landaker played varsity baseball, served as the quarterback on the
15 varsity football team, was an all-CIF defensive back, and was
16 inducted into the player hall of fame; and

17 WHEREAS, The head football coach at Big Bear High School,
18 Dave Griffith, considered Lieutenant Landaker not only a standout
19 football player but also a standout person and a role model to kids.
20 Joe Bradley, a physics teacher and baseball coach at Big Bear High
21 School, also held Lieutenant Landaker in high regard, stating that
22 he had never coached a kid with more heart or courage; and

23 WHEREAS, In homage to Lieutenant Landaker's athletic legacy
24 at Big Bear High School, his jersey, number 15, was recently
25 retired and an award is to be made in his honor; and

26 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Lieutenant
27 Landaker studied physics at the University of La Verne; and

28 WHEREAS, Following the events of September 11, 2001,
29 Lieutenant Landaker felt the need to do his part and decided to
30 join the United States Marine ~~Corp~~; *Corps*; and

31 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker proceeded to attend Officer
32 Candidate School, The Basic School, and flight school. Ranking
33 in the top 5 percent during flight training, he was awarded the
34 privilege of selecting an aircraft. Desiring to be a part of the
35 community, he chose the CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter, an aircraft
36 involving some of the most noble assignments in the military; and

37 WHEREAS, Within just seven months, Lieutenant Landaker
38 achieved the status of Helicopter Aircraft Commander, a status
39 that typically takes at least one year to achieve; and

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker received a commission as
2 second lieutenant on September 7, 2003, followed by a commission
3 of first lieutenant on September 7, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker served as a first lieutenant
5 with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, nicknamed
6 “the Purple Foxes.” As a medevac pilot, he airlifted wounded
7 marines and citizens out of dangerous combat zones in Anbar
8 province in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, On February 7, 2007, just one week before his
10 scheduled return home, Lieutenant Landaker gave his life while
11 flying a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter that was shot down over
12 Anbar province; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of his service in the military,
14 Lieutenant Landaker received a purple heart, a National Defense
15 Service Medal, an Iraqi Campaign Medal, a Global War on
16 Terrorism Service Medal, a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and
17 a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker was a proud American and
19 a true patriot with exceptional kindness, thoughtfulness, and
20 sincerity, and a paramount love for his country, family, and friends;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Landaker remains a hero to the
23 community of Big Bear and to all who knew him; and

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the sacrifice made by
26 Lieutenant Landaker for his country and the valiance with which
27 he served, the Legislature designates the portion of State Highway
28 Route 38 between mile markers 49.530 and 59.396 in San
29 Bernardino County as the Lieutenant Jared M. Landaker Memorial
30 Highway; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
32 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
33 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that
34 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
35 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
36 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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